**Assessment of domestic production of petroleum products**

†2052. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to fulfil 50 per cent of the demand of petroleum products by way of the domestic production;

(b) if so, the time when this decision was taken and the details of the decision thereof; and

(c) by when this target is expected to be achieved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) to (c) At present, domestic production of petroleum products is more than the domestic demand. The consumption and production of petroleum products in the country during the year 2001-02 was 100.4 million metric tonnes (MMT) and 104.2 MMT respectively. The corresponding estimates for the current financial year are 103 MMT and 108 MMT.

As per the India Hydrocarbon Vision-2025, the domestic refining capacity is envisaged to meet at least 90 per cent of the country's demand for middle distillates, which are the main product group.

**Meeting with State excise Ministers on Gasohol-Petrol**

2053. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH:
SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether he met the excise and sugarcane Ministers from nine Sugarcane growing States in the month of November, 2002;

(b) if so, whether the agenda was to smoothen the bumps in the way to start commercial sales of gasohol-petrol laced with five per cent ethanol in these States from January 1, 2003;

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(c) if so, what were the main decisions taken; and

(d) to what extent these States have agreed to this proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) Yes sir,

(b) Yes sir,

(c) and (d) During the meeting the States/UTs have agreed with the proposal of the Government to supply only 5% ethanol-blended-petrol, to remove the bottlenecks in issuing of licenses/permits and simplify the procedures for making the programme successul.

**Losses suffered due to adulteration**

†2054. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that loss of Rs. 10,000 crores is assessed to occur to the economy of the country due to adulteration in diesel, petrol and other energy sources;

(b) if not, the facts in this regard;

(c) the total number of cases of adulteration in petrol and diesel detected during the last three years; and

(d) the number of cases on which no decision has been taken and the number of cases in which culprits have been punished by courts out of these?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) and (b) No scientific study has been conducted to assess the loss to the economy of the country due to adulteration in diesel, petrol and other energy sources. However, substantial loss is suffered by the economy due to adulteration of diesel, petrol and other petroleum products.

(c) During the last three years, Oil marketing Companies detected 897 cases of adulteration in petrol and diesel.

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